



# August 2008 Calendar of Events

## Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park



**Park Contact: Kathryn Parent**

**Park Phone Number: 508-278-7604**

**All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, please see Program Descriptions below the Calendar.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Story Hour 10:30-11:30 Jr Rangers 3:00-4:30	<b>2</b> Family Adventures 10:30 Canal Walk 1:00-2:00 Shakespeare in the Park 5:00pm
<b>3</b> Canal Walk 1:00-2:00 Shakespeare in the Park 3:00pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Story Hour 10:30-11:30 Jr Rangers 3:00-4:30	<b>9</b> Family Adventures 10:30 Canal Walk with NPS Ranger 1:00-2:00
<b>10</b> Canal Walk 1:00-2:00 Concert on the Canal 3:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Story Hour 10:30-11:30 Jr Rangers 3:00-4:30	<b>16</b> Family Adventures 10:30 Eastern Mass Rhythm Festival 10:00-6:00
<b>17</b> Canal Walk 1:00-2:00 Concert on the Canal 3:30	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Story Hour 10:30-11:30 Jr Rangers 3:00-4:30	<b>23</b> Family Adventures 10:30 Canal Walk 1:00-2:00
<b>24</b> Canal Walk 1:00-2:00 Concert on the Canal 3:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Story Hour 10:30-11:30	<b>30</b> Family Adventures 10:30 Canal Walk 1:00-2:00
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<b>Kidleidoscope Kids</b> <b>Fridays 10:30 am</b>	<p>Friday morning Story Hour, featuring nature stories, craft and (weather permitting) an outdoor activity. Ages 3-5, siblings (younger or older) welcome. 10:30-11:30 am. Meet at River Bend Farm Visitors Center. August 1 Bugs – Let's find out what Milkweed, Japanese, and Ladybird Beetles have in common on a bug safari!</p> <p>August 8 Birds- What if you had wings and a beak? We'll find out how birds use beaks and feet as tools.</p> <p>August 15 Bats- A flying mammal that comes out at night? Let's shed some light on this wonderful creature!</p> <p>August 22 Butterflies- Born to munch, the very hungry caterpillar has an amazing story of transformation; we'll get a close-up look during our nature walk!</p> <p>August 29- Bunnies- can we find the perfect cottontail rabbit habitat?</p>
<b>Canal Walk</b> <b>Saturdays, Sundays</b> <b>1:00-2:00</b>	<p>For all ages. Take a guided one mile walk along the flat towpath and hear stories about the Blackstone Canal's history, ecology, and wildlife. The portion of the towpath generally used is mostly in full sun, dress appropriately for the weather.</p>
<b>Family Adventures</b> <b>Saturdays, 10:30-12:00</b>	<p>Family oriented program offered in three parts. Each week a new theme is introduced with stories, followed by a discovery hike in the park, ending with a hands-on craft activity.</p> <p>August 2 What is a Watershed? Everyone lives in a watershed, learn with hands-on activities!</p> <p>August 9 Dragonfly Safari-on a hunt for stages of the dragonfly's lifecycle.</p> <p>August 16 Who's Habitat-what wildlife calls this park home?</p> <p>August 23 Life in a Milkweed Patch- take a close up look!</p>

### SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

**Concert on the Canal Series, bring your own picnic, lawn chairs or blanket for these outdoor concerts; free admission**

<b>Shakespeare in the Park</b> August 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5:00 pm	Algonkuin Productions presents "The Tempest"
<b>Shakespeare in the Park</b> August 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3:00 pm	Algonkuin Productions presents "The Tempest"
<b>Concert on the Canal</b> August 10 3:30-5:00	Quintessential Brass Band
<b>Concert on the Canal</b> August 17 3:30-5:00	Worcester Men of Song



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<b>Concert on the Canal</b> August 24 3:30-5:00	Pendragon
<b>Concert on the Canal</b> August 31 3:30-5:00	t.b.a.
<b>Eastern Mass Rhythm Festival</b> Saturday August 16 10am -6pm	Hosted by: The Eastern Mass Drum Coalition

## VISITOR CENTER EXHIBITS & GALLERY

<b>Follow the Plough Exhibit Level Open</b> <b>Daily 10 am- 4 pm</b>	Our “Farm to Factory” exhibit explores the story of the Blackstone Valley and its communities from pre-European Settlement through European-style agricultural development, industrialization and into today. Guided tours for groups available with advance notice.
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